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*Second Meeting, November 22nd, 1869.*

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in the Chair.

PRESENTATIONS.—*Colonel H. J. Warre, C.B.; F. K. Muntion, Esq.*

ELECTIONS. — *Keith E. Abbott, Esq.* (H.M. Consul-General at Odessa); *John Buckley, Esq.*; *Lieutenant W. J. Casberd-Boteler, R.N.*; *Henry A. Churchill, Esq.* (H.M. Consul at Zanzibar); *E. B. Eastwick, Esq., F.R.S., M.P.*; *Captain Henry Fairfax, R.N.*; *Captain Edward Boyd Fawcett, M.A.*; *James Gallic, Esq.*; *Dr. John Harvey, LL.D.*; *William W. Howard, Esq.*; *Theophilus Horrex, Esq.*; *Captain David Hopkins*; *Alexander Keith Johnston, Jun., Esq.*; *C. W. Ligar, Esq.* (Surveyor-General of Victoria); *Alexander Matheson, Esq., M.P.*; *Albert Müller, Esq.*; *Colonel Francis Cornwallis Maude, R.A., V.C., &c.*; *Lieutenant George F. Purdon, R.N.*; *Iltudus T. Prichard, Esq.*; *Edward Rae, Esq.*; *George Russell, Esq., M.A.*; *William Summerhayes, Esq., M.D.*; *F. F. Searle, Esq.*; *George C. Silk, Esq.*; *Robert Sutherland, Esq.*; *Charles Waite, Esq., LL.D.*; *Ebenezer Whytt, Esq.*; *Captain Charles W. Wilson, R.E.*

ACCESSIONS TO LIBRARY FROM THE 8TH TO THE 22ND NOVEMBER, 1869.—*‘Ueber das Verhältniss der Topographie zur Geologie.’* Von J. M. Ziegler. Donor, the author. *‘Queensland and her Gold-fields.’* By Charles H. Allen. Donor, the author. *‘Surveys for the Kansas Pacific Railway.’* By General W. J. Palmer. 1869. Donor, the author. *‘Trade of the Upper Yangtze:’* Report of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. Donor, Mr. Consul Swinhoe. *‘Hypothetical Phœnician Names of Places on European Coasts,’* in MS. By S. M. Drach. Donor, the author. *‘Brazil: its Commerce, &c.’* By W. Scully. Donor, the author. *‘Der Minenbetrieb in Bolivien und der Brasilien, &c.’* Also *‘Die Deutsche Auswanderer.’* Von J. I. Sturtz. Donor, the author. *‘Fragmenta Phytographiæ Australiæ.’* Contulit F. de Mueller. Melbourne, 1867-8. Donor, the author.

ACCESSIONS TO THE MAP-ROOM SINCE THE LAST MEETING OF NOVEMBER 8TH, 1869.—A Chart of the North Atlantic Ocean, showing the Tracks of the Telegraph Cables between Europe and America. 5 copies. Presented by Captain S. Osborn, C.B., R.N. Switzerland: a Map of Canton of Glarus. A Geological Map of Jerusalem and its Environs, compiled from the Ordnance Survey, under Captain C. W. Wilson, R.E. A Topographical Map of Jerusalem and its Environs. By the same. Map of the Island of Teneriffe. By Messrs. G. Hartung, &c. &c. Map of the City of Guatemala, Central America. By N. F. Y. Donzel. Ordnance sheets, 420 in number.

Previous to the commencement of the ordinary business, the President addressed the Meeting as follows, on the subject of the Faraday Memorial :—

“Before we proceed to the ordinary business of this evening, I beg to perform a duty which I have undertaken most heartily. When the world of science was deprived of that illustrious man, Michael Faraday, I was honoured by being named one of those Presidents of Societies who were appointed to organize the public meeting which was presided over by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and at which it was resolved, in this very theatre, to erect a statue in memory of the great philosopher, in the Cathedral Church of St. Paul.

“On that occasion the feeling in favour of this resolution was strong and unanimous, and the object was most eloquently sustained by the eminent French chemist Dumas, one of the Perpetual Secretaries of the Institute of France.

“I regret to say, however, that at this moment the subscription-fund must be considerably increased, to enable us to pay for a suitable monument in marble by an eminent sculptor.

“As one who learnt his first lessons in science under Faraday, and who, in every succeeding year, admired more and more his great genius, as well as the simplicity and benignity of his character, I call upon you, my associates of the Royal Geographical Society, and your friends who may not have subscribed, to do honour to yourselves by supporting this good cause. In doing so, I beg you to recollect that it was in this very theatre that Faraday delighted and instructed vast audiences for upwards of 30 years; and that in this theatre, so adorned by him, we Geographers have now the privilege of holding our meetings, owing to the liberality of the President and Managers of the Royal Institution.

“Subscriptions for the Faraday Memorial are received by the Assistant Secretary of the Royal Geographical Society, and also by the Accountant of the Royal Institution.”

The following paper was read :—

*Notes of a Journey to the New Course of the Yellow River in 1868.*

By NEY ELIAS, Esq., F.R.G.S.

[EXTRACTS.]

It is well known that the Lower Yellow River, flowing through the great eastern plain of China, has many times changed its course during the historic era. No less than nine such changes are recorded by the Chinese as having taken place during the last 2500 years; the first dating about 602 B.C.,\* and the ninth, 1851-3 A.D.; the positions of the mouths resulting from them having ranged over an extent of coast-line comprised between some 5 degrees of latitude. Thus the most northern is recorded to have been in about latitude 39°, which would coincide approximately with the present mouth of the Peiho; whilst the most southern is represented to be that which existed before the last change, and which is marked on all modern maps in latitude 34°. There is reason, however, to believe that

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\* See ‘Geological Researches in China, &c.,’ by Raphael Pumpelly.